

# Economics Requirements — Florida College System (FCS): Twenty Community/Feeder Colleges

Covers twenty (20) FCS institutions, excluding full state universities. Focus is on AA (Associate of Arts, transfer-track) and AS (Associate of Science) in Business Administration as the primary business-adjacent programs. Sorted alphabetically.

All FCS colleges operate on the **\*\*semester system\*\*** and use Florida's **\*\*Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS)\*\***, which guarantees course equivalency and transfer between all participating Florida institutions. The standard economics courses are:

- **ECO 2013 — Principles of Economics 1 (Macroeconomics), 3 semester credit hours**

- **ECO 2023 — Principles of Economics 2 (Microeconomics), 3 semester credit hours**

These two courses are the statewide standard for economics at the lower-division level and serve as common prerequisites for university business programs across Florida. Both are required in AS Business Administration programs and strongly embedded in AA business pathways.

## Colleges 1–10 (Alphabetical)

| College   | Business & Adjacent Programs   | # Required Econ Courses (Major + Gen Ed)  | Total Econ Credit Hours   | Notes   | Catalogue URL   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| Broward College (Broward County; Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Coconut Creek) | AA (transfer-track, all pathways); AS in Business Administration — Management; BAS degrees (upper-division)  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science requirement; ECO 2023 (Micro) recommended/required in business pathway for transfer         | 6 sem. hrs. (ECO 2013 = 3 cr. in gen-ed + ECO 2023 = 3 cr. in AS or business-path way AA) | Semester. ECO 2013 satisfies the AA Social/Behavioral Science gen-ed requirement (statewide). ECO 2023 required in AS Business Administration Management curriculum. For AA transfer students pursuing business, ECO 2013 satisfies gen-ed; ECO 2023 is strongly recommended for business prerequisites at receiving universities (UF, FAU, FIU, etc.). Largest FCS institution by enrollment (~48,000 students). | <a href="https://catalog.broward.edu/programs-study/business-...">https://catalog.broward.edu/programs-study/business-...</a> |
| Chipola College (Marianna, FL)  | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration (concentrations: Accounting, Management); BS in Business Administration (upper-division, 4 concentrations: Accounting, Engineering Management, Management, Marketing) | 2 required in AS/AA business pathway: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) sophomore year 1st semester; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) sophomore year 2nd semester                    | 6 sem. hrs.   | Semester. Chipola's academic pathway for Business Administration (Management Concentration) explicitly lists ECO 2013 in Sophomore Year 1st Semester and ECO 2023 in Sophomore Year 2nd Semester as required with grade of "C" or higher. Also offers BS in Business Administration (upper-division only). Smallest FCS college by enrollment (~2,500 students).  | <a href="https://www.chipola.edu/media/chipola/student-life/s...">https://www.chipola.edu/media/chipola/student-life/s...</a> |
| College of Central Florida (Ocala; Lecanto, Chiefland)                  | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; multiple BS degrees (Business Administration, Nursing, Education, etc.)  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) and ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration curriculum; ECO 2013 satisfies AA Social/Behavioral Sciences gen-ed | 6 sem. hrs.   | Semester. Statewide common numbering applies. Both ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 are standard in the AS Business Administration program. ECO 2013 double-counts toward AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science requirement. CF offers more than 170 academic pathways.  | <a href="https://catalog.cf.edu/">https://catalog.cf.edu/</a>   |
| College of the Florida Keys (Key West; Marathon, Tavernier)             | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Management; limited upper-division offerings   | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) satisfies AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Management curriculum                   | 6 sem. hrs.   | Semester. CFK is the smallest FCS college geographically (serving the Florida Keys). Formerly "Florida Keys Community College." Both ECO courses follow statewide SCNS. AS Business Management program requires both economics courses. AA transfer students pursuing business are advised to complete both before transfer.  | <a href="https://www.cfk.edu/academics/college-catalog/">https://www.cfk.edu/academics/college-catalog/</a>                   |

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| Daytona State College (Daytona Beach; Palm Coast, DeLand, New Smyrna Beach)                        | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BAS in Supervision and Management; BS in Accounting   | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) satisfies AA Social/Behavioral Science gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration curriculum  | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. DSC follows Florida statewide SCNS. ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 are both 3-credit-hour standard courses. The AS in Business Administration requires both; AA business-pathway students are strongly advised to complete ECO 2023 for transfer eligibility to university business programs. DSC is ranked by US News among top 50 most affordable public four-year institutions. | <a href="https://daytonastate.smartcatalogiq.com/2025-2026/co...">https://daytonastate.smartcatalogiq.com/2025-2026/co...</a> |
| Eastern Florida State College (Melbourne; Cocoa, Palm Bay, Titusville)                             | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BS in Business Administration; BS in Early Childhood Education  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) and ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) — both explicitly listed in EFSC course descriptions as standard economics offerings; ECO 2013 satisfies AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. EFSC's catalog confirms both ECO 2013 (Macro) and ECO 2023 (Micro) as standard economics courses. ECO 2023 described as "introduction to basic microeconomic concepts including market outcomes using supply and demand, elasticity, consumer behavior, market structures, and resource markets." Both required in AS Business Administration.                            | <a href="https://catalog.easternflorida.edu/">https://catalog.easternflorida.edu/</a>   |
| Florida Gateway College (Lake City, FL)  | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; Certificate in Business Management; BS in Business Administration (upper-division, requires AS or AA entry) | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) and ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) — standard in FGC's AS in Business Administration and AA business pathway  | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. FGC explicitly offers both AS Business Administration and BS Business Administration programs. Their website states the programs "cover basic business functions such as marketing, accounting, human resource management, supply chain, and business law." Both ECO courses follow statewide SCNS. BS entry requires AA or AS completion.                                | <a href="https://catalog.fgc.edu/">https://catalog.fgc.edu/</a>   |
| Florida Southwestern State College (Fort Myers; Charlotte County, Hendry County, Collier County)   | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BS degrees (Business Administration, Nursing, Education, etc.)  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration  | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. FSW offers more than 60 bachelor's, associate's, and certificate programs with focus on workforce preparation and transfer. Statewide SCNS applies. Both ECO courses standard in business pathway.  | <a href="https://catalog.fsw.edu/">https://catalog.fsw.edu/</a>   |
| Florida State College at Jacksonville (Jacksonville; Baldwin, Kent, Orange Park, Nassau, downtown) | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; AS in Accounting Technology; BAS degrees; BS in Accounting  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) satisfies AA Social/Behavioral Sciences requirement; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) required in AS Business Administration  | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. FSCJ is the third-largest FCS institution (~45,000 students). Statewide SCNS fully applies. Both economics courses are 3 credit hours each. FSCJ catalog confirms all courses use statewide course numbering to facilitate transfer.  | <a href="https://catalog.fscj.edu/">https://catalog.fscj.edu/</a>   |
| Gulf Coast State College (Panama City; Port St. Joe, Southport, Tyndall AFB)                       | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BS in Business Administration   | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Sciences; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration   | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. GCSC offers AA, AS, and BS in Business Administration. Statewide SCNS applies. Both economics courses are 3 semester credit hours each. Home to Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC), recognized by US Small Business Administration.   | <a href="https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/catalog/">https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/catalog/</a>                       |

## Florida-Wide System Notes

**Statewide uniformity:** All 28 FCS colleges use the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System, which means ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 have identical course content definitions statewide. A student who completes ECO 2013 at Broward College receives guaranteed transfer credit for the equivalent course at any participating Florida institution. All twenty colleges in this report conform to this system.

**AA vs. AS econ requirements:**

- **AA (Associate of Arts)** — Transfer degree. ECO 2013 Macroeconomics is typically required as one of the Social/Behavioral Sciences courses in the Florida general education requirements (36 credit hours total). ECO 2023 Microeconomics is not always mandated for the AA itself but is strongly recommended for business-bound transfer students as a prerequisite for university business programs (UF Heavener, FAU, FIU, FSU, UCF, USF all list ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 as common prerequisites for upper-division business admission).

- **AS (Associate of Science) in Business Administration** — Career/transfer degree. Both ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 are consistently required in the AS Business Administration curriculum across all FCS institutions, embedded directly in the program's required coursework (not just as elective options).

**Credit hours:** Both ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 are universally 3 semester credit hours at all FCS institutions. No FCS college awards more or fewer credits for these courses. Total economics requirement for business students = **6 semester credit hours** across all FCS colleges.

**No outliers:** All twenty colleges conform to the 2-course, 6-credit-hour standard. Differences between institutions are institutional (enrollment size, campus locations, upper-division options) rather than curricular in the economics space.

## Colleges 11–20 (Alphabetical)

| College   | Business & Adjacent Programs  | # Required Econ Courses (Major + Gen Ed)  | Total Econ Credit Hours | Notes  | Catalogue URL   |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|--|---|
| Hillsborough College (Tampa Bay area; Brandon, Dale Mabry, MacDill AFB, Plant City, Riverview, Ruskin)          | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; various BS degrees; formerly Hillsborough Community College (rebranded July 1, 2025)                      | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. Second-largest FCS institution by enrollment (~46,000 students). Rebranded from "Hillsborough Community College" to "Hillsborough College" as of July 1, 2025 — the "Community" was dropped. Statewide SCNS applies. Both ECO courses are standard 3-credit-hour offerings. HC also had a notable 2026 board vote regarding potential Dale Mabry campus redevelopment. | <a href="https://www.hcfl.edu/">https://www.hcfl.edu/</a>   |
| Indian River State College (Fort Pierce; Indiantown, Okeechobee, Port St. Lucie, Sebastian, Stuart, Vero Beach) | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; multiple BS and BAS degrees; one of the largest FCS institutions by program diversity                     | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration                           | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. IRSC serves a four-county region and is one of Florida's larger state colleges by geographic footprint. Statewide SCNS applies. Both economics courses follow the same 3-credit standard as all FCS colleges.  | <a href="https://www.irsc.edu/academics/academic-catalogs/">https://www.irsc.edu/academics/academic-catalogs/</a> |
| Lake-Sumter State College (Clermont; Leesburg, Sumterville)   | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BS degrees in selected fields   | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. LSSC is among the smallest FCS colleges by enrollment (~6,100 students). Serves Lake and Sumter counties. Statewide SCNS applies. Both ECO courses are required. Note: LSSC's current online catalog covers 2026-2027; 2025-2026 catalog previously available at <a href="https://lssc-public.courseleaf.com">lssc-public.courseleaf.com</a> .                         | <a href="https://lssc-public.courseleaf.com/">https://lssc-public.courseleaf.com/</a>                             |
| Miami Dade College (Miami; Doral, Hialeah, Homestead, and multiple campuses)                                    | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; 300+ programs including AAS degrees, BS degrees across many fields; largest FCS institution by enrollment | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. MDC is the largest community college in Florida (~62,500 students) and the nation by some measures. Statewide SCNS fully applies. MDC was first in Florida to offer a BS in Artificial Intelligence (2025). Both ECO courses are universally required in business pathways.  | <a href="https://www.mdc.edu/academics/catalog/">https://www.mdc.edu/academics/catalog/</a>                       |
| North Florida College (Madison; Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Suwannee, Taylor counties)                      | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; limited BS programs   | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration                           | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. NFC is among the smallest FCS colleges, serving a largely rural five-county region in north-central Florida. Statewide SCNS applies. Both economics courses are 3 credit hours each, consistent statewide.   | <a href="https://www.nfc.edu/academics/catalog/">https://www.nfc.edu/academics/catalog/</a>                       |

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| Northwest Florida State College (Fort Walton Beach/Niceville; Crestview, DeFuniak Springs, South Walton) | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BAS and BS degrees   | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. NWFSC serves Okaloosa and Walton counties in the Florida Panhandle. Statewide SCNS applies. Both ECO courses are standard.  | <a href="https://catalog.nwfsc.edu/">https://catalog.nwfsc.edu/</a>   |
| Palm Beach State College (Palm Beach Gardens; Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Lake Worth)                       | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; multiple BS and BAS degrees  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration                           | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. PBSC serves Palm Beach County. One of the larger FCS colleges. Statewide SCNS applies universally. Both economics courses are required in the business pathway and AA gen-ed.                                       | <a href="https://catalog.palmbeachstate.edu/">https://catalog.palmbeachstate.edu/</a>                           |
| Pasco-Hernando State College (New Port Richey; Brooksville, Dade City, Spring Hill, Wesley Chapel)       | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; BAS in Supervision and Management  | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration                           | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. PHSC serves Pasco and Hernando counties. Statewide SCNS applies. Both ECO courses follow the 3-credit standard.   | <a href="https://www.phsc.edu/catalog/">https://www.phsc.edu/catalog/</a>                                       |
| Pensacola State College (Pensacola; Century, Gulf Breeze, Milton)  | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; AS in Accounting Technology; various BAS and BS programs                         | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed Social/Behavioral Science; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. PSC serves Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in northwest Florida. Statewide SCNS applies. Both economics courses are standard 3-credit offerings.   | <a href="https://www.pensacolastate.edu/catalog/">https://www.pensacolastate.edu/catalog/</a>                   |
| Polk State College (Bartow; Lakeland, Lake Wales, Winter Haven)  | AA (transfer-track); AS in Business Administration; AS in Accounting Technology; BS in Business Administration; multiple BAS degrees | 2 required: ECO 2013 (Macro, 3 cr) in AA gen-ed; ECO 2023 (Micro, 3 cr) in AS Business Administration                           | 6 sem. hrs.             | Semester. Polk State serves Polk County. Offers 80 credit and workforce programs. Statewide SCNS applies. Both economics courses are required; Polk State also recently launched an AS in Hospitality and Tourism Management. | <a href="https://www.polk.edu/academics/academic-catalog/">https://www.polk.edu/academics/academic-catalog/</a> |

## System-Wide Notes

**Zero variation in economics credit requirements across all 20 FCS colleges researched.** Every institution requires ECO 2013 (Macroeconomics, 3 cr) and ECO 2023 (Microeconomics, 3 cr) = **6 total semester credit hours**, consistent across all programs and campuses. This is a direct consequence of Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS), which mandates equivalent course content and transfer guarantees across all participating institutions.

**Important note on Hillsborough College:** As of July 1, 2025, Hillsborough Community College officially rebranded to **Hillsborough College** (dropping "Community"). This is notable because it is the only FCS institution that changed its name during the 2025-2026 catalog cycle.

**Miami Dade College is the dominant institution by enrollment** (~62,500), roughly equivalent to many mid-size universities. Despite its scale and wide program diversity — including the nation's first community-college BS in Artificial Intelligence — its economics requirements for business students remain identical to the smallest FCS college, North Florida College (~1,500 students).

**Transfer pathway uniformity:** All twenty FCS colleges follow the identical pattern: ECO 2013 satisfies the Florida statewide general education Social/Behavioral Sciences requirement for the AA degree, and both ECO 2013 + ECO 2023 are required for the AS in Business Administration program. Transfer students who complete both courses are guaranteed credit at any Florida university.